

FULL COUNCIL 12th MAY 2021

PROPOSAL FOR AN ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL IN ABERGAVENNY

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To agree the Town Council's response to the initial consultation on the establishment of an all-through school in Abergavenny.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Monmouthshire County Council has a statutory duty to secure sufficient and suitable school places for children within the County, and in doing so ensure that resources and facilities are efficiently utilised to deliver the education opportunities that our children deserve.

- 2.2 As part of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, the Council has a statutory duty to consult with members of the community and appropriate stakeholders when considering any significant school organisation proposals.

- 2.3 On 14th April 2021, the MCC's Cabinet agreed to commence statutory consultation processes on the proposals outlined under Band B of the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme. As part of this programme, the Council proposes to establish an all-through School to be located on the current King Henry VIII Comprehensive School site, Abergavenny.

- 2.4 In order to facilitate these proposals, the Council proposes to close Deri View Primary School and King Henry VIII Comprehensive School with effect from 1st September 2023. The proposed new School will include facilities for:

- 1200 secondary age pupil places (aged 11-16)
- 200 post 16 pupil places (post 16 / 6th form)
- 420 pupil places for primary aged pupils
- 30 full time equivalent (FTE) Nursery pupils and 20 Flying Start places.
- Suitable accommodation for 71(16 primary and 55 secondary) pupils with complex neurodevelopmental and learning needs within the school.

3. THE CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The consultation commenced on 26th April and ends on 8th June. This consultation is extremely limited asking only the following questions in addition to contact details:
- Do you agree with proposals to establish an all-through school – Yes/No/Agree with some aspects but not others
 - Please provide us with reasons for your above selection

Councillors can respond to this consultation individually if they so wish.

3.2 Councillors are requested to vote on whether yes/no and if appropriate to share their reasons for their voting choice to enable a response to be prepared before the deadline. The final response will be agreed with the Mayor.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To vote on whether to agree or disagree with the proposal for an all-through school